

To the Honourable House of Commons Assembled in  
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*The Humble Petition of the Ordinary Shoe-Makers, and  
Old Workers in and about the City of London,*

S H E W E T H,

**T**Hat some principal Shoe-makers designing to  
Ingrose the buying of Leather, into their par-  
ticular hands, have combined with some cer-  
tain Tanners living in *London* and *Southwork*, or there  
abouts, who design to ingross their Trade, in preju-  
dice of the Country Tanners, do indeavour for ob-  
taining those ends, to suppress the retayling of Lea-  
ther by any others than Tanners, or any where else  
than in a Fair or Market, in the suppression whereof  
(being a practice which ancient and constant expe-  
rience has proved to be useful) the meaner sort of  
Shoe-makers will loose many conveniences they  
now enjoy by the Retaylor, and the poorest will be  
droven to the necessity of leaving their Trades to be-  
come Journyemen for smaller Wages; for prevention  
whereof.

*Your Petitioners who are at present surprized by re-  
ceiving the intimation hereof just now, do instantly  
beseech this Honourable House, that nothing may  
pass in their prejudice, till their objections can be  
prepared and examined within such time as this  
Honourable House shall think fit,*

*And your Petitioners shall ever Pray, &c.*